

HOUSE No. 180

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition of Martin J. Walsh and Brian P. Wallace relative to continuous service in the retirement system for public employees laid off due to reductions in force. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO CLARIFY CONTINUOUS SERVICE IN A RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 22 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is amended in subsection (1) (b) by
3 adding the following subsection:— (vii) For the purposes of this
4 subsection any member in service who was laid off because of
5 reduction in force caused by budget cuts, whether or not such
6 member withdrew contributions to the retirement system, upon
7 reinstatement and repayment of such contributions shall be con-
8 sidered to have maintained continuous active service in the retire-
9 ment system and such member's rate of contribution shall be the
10 same as the initial date of employment.